

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method of addressing a communication for transmission over a network, the method including:

accessing a descriptive profile of a potential recipient of the communication;

identifying the potential recipient as a suggested recipient of the communication based on an evaluation of a correspondence between content of the communication and content of the descriptive profile of the potential recipient; and

presenting the suggested recipient to a sender of the communication for selection as a confirmed recipient after the sender has composed a draft of the communication and before transmission of the communication to an actual recipient, the suggested recipient being presented in conjunction with an indication of the correspondence between the content of the communication and the content of the descriptive profile of the potential recipient.

2. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the indication of the correspondence includes an identification of a portion of the content of the communication that corresponds to the content of the descriptive profile of the potential recipient.

3. (previously presented) The method of claim 2 wherein the communication comprises an electronic document, and the identification comprises identification of the portion of the content of the electronic document that corresponds to the content of the descriptive profile.

4. (previously presented) The method of claim of 3 wherein the identification of the portion of the content of the electronic document includes identifying textual terms within the electronic document.

5. (previously presented) The method of claim 4 wherein the identification of the textual terms includes identifying the textual terms within the body of the electronic document.

6. (previously presented) The method of claim 5 wherein the identification of the textual terms within the body of the electronic document includes visually differentiating textual terms which correspond to terms of the descriptive profile.

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 further including, responsive to sender identification of the suggested recipient, identifying a portion of the content of the communication corresponding to the content of the descriptive profile of the suggested recipient.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 further including accessing a plurality of descriptive profiles of a plurality of potential recipients of the communication, identifying a plurality of the potential recipients as suggested recipients, presenting the plurality of suggested recipients to the sender, and, responsive to sender identification of a portion of the content of the communication, identifying to the sender at least one of the plurality of potential recipients based on a correspondence between the sender-

identified portion of the content of the communication and content of a descriptive profile for the at least one of the plurality of potential recipients.

9. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein the sender-identified portion of the content of the communication includes a plurality of terms of an electronic document.

10. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 further including presenting an indication of a strength of the correspondence between the content of the communication and the content of the descriptive profile for the potential recipient.

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 further including presenting a plurality of suggested recipients to the sender together with an indication, for each of the plurality of suggested recipients, of a strength of a correspondence between the content of the communication and content of a respective descriptive profile for each of the plurality of suggested recipients.

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 11 further including ranking the plurality of suggested recipients according to the respective strength of the correspondence between the content of the communication and the content of the respective descriptive profile for each of the plurality of suggested recipients.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 further including prompting the sender for a filter criterion prior to accessing the descriptive profile, and applying the filter criterion in the identification of the potential recipient.

14. (currently amended) A system to address a communication for transmission over a network, the system including:

an access server to access a descriptive profile of a potential recipient of the communication and to identify the potential recipient as a suggested recipient based on an evaluation of a correspondence between content of the communication and content of the descriptive profile of the potential recipient; and

a communications server to present the suggested recipient to a sender of the communication for selection as a confirmed recipient after the sender has composed a draft of the communication and before transmission of the communication to an actual recipient and to indicate the correspondence between the content of the communication and the content of the descriptive profile of the potential recipient.

15. (previously presented) The system of claim 14 wherein the communication server is further to identify a portion of the content of the communication that corresponds to the content of the descriptive profile of the potential recipient.

16. (previously presented) The system of claim 15 wherein the communication comprises an electronic document, and the communications server is to identify the

portion of the content of the electronic document that corresponds to the content of the descriptive profile.

17. (previously presented) The system of claim of 16 wherein the communications server is further to identify textual terms within the electronic document.

18. (previously presented) The system of claim 17 wherein the communications server is further to identify the textual terms within the body of the electronic document.

19. (previously presented) The system of claim 18 wherein the communication server is further to visually differentiate the textual terms within the body of the electronic document that correspond to terms of the descriptive profile.

20. (previously presented) The system of claim 14 wherein the communications server, responsive to sender identification of the suggested recipient, is further to identify to the sender a portion of the content of the communication corresponding to the content of the descriptive profile of the suggested recipient.

21. (previously presented) The system of claim 14 wherein the access server is further to access a plurality of descriptive profiles of a plurality of potential recipients of the communication and to identify a plurality of the potential recipients as suggested recipients, and the communications server is further to present the plurality of suggested recipients to the sender and, responsive to sender identification of a portion

of the content of the communication, ~~is to~~ identify to the sender at least one of the plurality of potential recipients based on a correspondence between the sender-identified portion of the content of the communication and content of a descriptive profile for the at least one of the plurality of potential recipients.

22. (original) The system of claim 21 wherein the sender-identified portion of the content of the communication includes a plurality of terms of an electronic document.

23. (previously presented) The system of claim 14 wherein the communications server is further to present an indication of a strength of the correspondence between the content of the communication and the content of the descriptive profile for the potential recipient.

24. (previously presented) The system of claim 14 wherein the communications server is to present a plurality of suggested recipients to the sender together with an indication, for each of the plurality of suggested recipients, of a strength of a correspondence between the content of the communication and a respective descriptive profile for each of the plurality of suggested recipients.

25. (previously presented) The system of claim 24 wherein the communications server is further to rank the plurality of suggested recipients according to the respective strength of the correspondence between the content of the communication and the respective descriptive profile for each of the plurality of the suggested recipients.

26. (previously presented) The system of claim 14 wherein the communications server is further to prompt the sender for a filter criterion prior to accessing the descriptive profile, and the access server is further to apply the filter criterion in the identification of the potential recipient.

27. (currently amended) A system for addressing a communication for transmission over a network, the system including:

first means for accessing a descriptive profile of a potential recipient of the communication and for identifying the potential recipient as a suggested recipient based on an evaluation of a correspondence between content of the communication and content of the descriptive profile of the potential recipient; and

second means for presenting the suggested recipient to a sender of the communication for selection as a confirmed recipient after the sender has composed a draft of the communication and before transmission of the communication to an actual recipient and for indicating the correspondence between the content of the communication and the content of the descriptive profile of the potential recipient.

28. (currently amended) A machine-readable medium storing a sequence of instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to execute a method to address a communication for transmission over a network, the method to include:

accessing a descriptive profile of a potential recipient of the communication;

identifying the potential recipient as a suggested recipient based on an evaluation of a correspondence between content of the communication and content of the descriptive profile of the potential recipient; and

presenting the suggested recipient to a sender of the communication for selection as a confirmed recipient after the sender has composed a draft of the communication and before transmission of the communication to an actual recipient, the suggested recipient being presented in conjunction with an indication of the correspondence between the content of the communication and the content of the descriptive profile of the potential recipient.